



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Fort Ross Training Burn		
PROJECT LOCATION	T9N, R12W, Section 32, Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian (38° 34.818, - 123° 12.579)	COUNTY	Sonoma
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is planning prescribed burning activities on rural privately-owned land in western Sonoma County. The project area consists of south-facing moderately-sloped land north of Seaview Ranch Road, which connects King Ridge Road with Bohan Dillon Road. Vegetation in the project area is dominated by annual grasses with scattered oak (*Quercus* spp.) and Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) trees throughout.

This activity is designed to provide live wildland fire suppression training for local volunteer firefighters. Activities will include mobile attack, hand tool use, and progressive hose lays. All driving for the mobile attack exercises will be done on existing dirt roads. Existing roads will be used as fire control lines.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304
Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT


This project fits the description for a Class 4, §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land Categorical Exemption to CEQA. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The project consists of minor treatments to land and vegetation in the form of low-intensity prescribed fire in annual grasslands. The activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species, or sedimentation to surface waters. CAL FIRE staff has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems.

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